

## **REMARKS**

### **Examiner Interview**

On November 8, 2005, a telephonic interview took place in connection with the subject patent application. Participating as Applicant's representatives were Kevin Farrell and Ryan Kennedy. Examiner Bhattacharya participated on behalf of the USPTO. Applicant's representatives pointed out that the cited LaPorta reference specifically discloses communication with a wireless device. Applicant's invention, on the other hand, involves the communication of large volumes of confidential information. Applicant's specification specifically discloses wired means of communication (see paragraph bridging pages 5-6 of Specification as filed). Applicant's claims have been amended to specifically recite this limitation.

### **Rejection Under 35 USC 102(b)**

The Patent Office has rejected claims 36, 37, 39, 41, 42 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,974,300 to LaPorta et al. As previously noted by the Applicants, the LaPorta invention is directed towards a wireless communications system for two-way pagers, using in part a cellular network to relay the data. The present invention, on the other hand, does not transmit or retrieve data through any type of wireless communication network. On the contrary, the contact information gathering system of the present invention is in communication with the network station and one or more wireless communications service provider stations through wired means. This feature of the present invention is presented in the Specification at page 5, line 31 to page 6, line 3. Specifically, the wired means is described as a coupling through "digital, analog, T1, T3, CAT5, frame-based data transport protocols asynchronous mode transport protocols, among others."

Accordingly, Claims 36, 37, 38, 41 and 42 have been amended to incorporate this feature of the present invention. In particular, Claim 36 has been amended to recite that "the contact information gathering system includ[es] wired means for the network station to interface with one or more wireless communications service provider stations". Similarly, independent Claim 41 has been amended to recite the step of "gathering the contact information from one or more wireless communication device service providers through wired means". Similar changes have been made to dependent claims 37, 38 and 42 in order to more clearly define the scope of the present invention.

As discussed above, the LaPorta reference does not teach or disclose the use of wired couplings or wired means for communication between wireless communications service provider stations and a contact information gathering system. As such, the Applicants hereby submit that independent Claims 36 and 41, as amended, are not anticipated by LaPorta and are therefore in condition for allowance. Allowance of the remaining dependent claims, which necessarily incorporate the foregoing amendments, is hereby requested as well.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103:

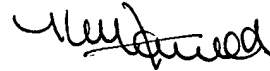
The Patent Office has rejected Claims 38 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LaPorta et al. in view of U.S. Published Application 2002/0035594 to Dreke et al. The Patent Office has also rejected Claim 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over LaPorta et al. in view of WIPO publication WO 98/56158 to Thorner et al. The Applicants hereby submit that these rejections are moot in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

Neither Dreke nor Thorner teach, suggest or motivate the use of wired communication means for interfacing with one or more wireless communications service provider stations in order to obtain contact information for one or more wireless communications devices. As previously noted, this feature is also not taught or disclosed by LaPorta. Accordingly, as Claims 38, 40 and 43 all depend from Claims 36 and 41, respectively, the former necessarily incorporate those novel features that have been described herein. As such, the cited combinations do not teach each and every limitation of the claimed invention. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 38, 40 and 43 are in condition for allowance as shown above.

Summary

In light of the above amendment, consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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